

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS.
Yesterday's bank clearings were \$7,474,885; balances, \$619,643. Local discount rates were between 5 1/2 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans 10 discount bid, par asked.
Wheat closed lower at 81 1/2c bid May; 82 1/2c bid No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at 42 1/2c bid May; 43 1/2c bid No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 37 1/2c bid May; 38c bid No. 2 mixed.
Spot cotton was 3-16c higher in the local market.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Michael K. McGrath, private secretary to Congressman Hunt, declares he is tired of Washington life.
George P. Bell, who has searched for his nephew, Cyrus Massey, for the last six months, has visited every Western city and is now in St. Louis looking for the youth who escaped from an insane asylum.
An increase of 25 per cent is shown in the volume of Christmas trade.
Many letters addressed to Santa Claus are received at the local Post Office.
Samuel H. Leathe paid \$40,000 for a lot adjoining his property, at the northeast corner of Eighteenth street and Washington avenue, where improvements may be made.
A. S. Sands of Nebraska, attorney and capitalist, married Miss Mabel Davis Wilson of Eureka Springs, Ark., a former stenographer, in St. Louis.
Burglars and highwaymen continue to operate, despite efforts of police to suppress crime.
A landside in a St. Louis County quarry killed one workman and seriously injured another.
The Director of Works and Architect commissioned by the Mikado arrived to begin work on the Japanese pavilion at the World's Fair.
Mrs. Clara Taylor sued Doctor William Porter, Henry W. Coleman and officials of St. Vincent's Insane Asylum for \$25,000 damages for having kept her in the asylum.

An investigation will be held to-day at the City Hall to determine the cause of the boiler explosion at the Transit Company's power-house.
Director of Works Taylor offered a prize of \$50 to the person who will name the prettiest vista or bit of grounds at the World's Fair. All visitors may enter the "point-of-view" competition, which is to continue until June 15, 1904.

Women quarreled in court over divorce proceedings, Mrs. Alfred G. Boettger, whose husband accused her of administering "poison" from a Spiritualist medium, accusing the witnesses of giving incorrect testimony.
Witnesses who turned State's evidence in the suburban bribery and perjury cases appeared before the Grand Jury, and it was reported that perjury charges in connection with the city lighting deals may result. Circuit Attorney Folk goes to Tennessee to-night.

Two Aldermen defeated the plans to build a dike for the protection of East St. Louis from floods.
The contract for furnishing flour to the city was awarded to the Standard Milling Company.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Senator Smoot is said to have gone to Utah to confer with the Mormon leaders relative to the statements he is said to have made in defense of his seat in the Senate.

Burglars blow the safe in the Tower Hill, Ill., bank, and escape with \$5,000 in cash. The thieves stole a horse and buggy in which to get away.

Brakeman Barkley, who disappeared immediately after the wreck at Godfrey, Kas., Monday morning, returns to Fort Scott, Kas. He claims he did flag the train. The list of dead now numbers ten.

An aged woman at Chicago who imagines that she has been poisoned, is so much affected that death from rupture of the heart results.

Confidential letters published at New York show the methods used by promoters of the United States Shipbuilding Company in their dealings with the French underwriting syndicate.

The "unknown silent" man, who was arrested on suspicion of having written anonymous letters to the Rock Island Railway officials threatening to blow up the company's bridges, escapes from the hospital at Des Moines.

An insane man breaks into Governor Mickey's private office at Lincoln, Neb., and brandishing a huge paper knife, compels the Governor to admit that Senator Dietrich is innocent.

William Jennings Bryan buys the old Bryan homestead at Centerville, Ill.

A New Orleans contracting firm plans to raise the battleship Maine in Havana Harbor for exhibition purposes at the World's Fair.

Thomas Wilkinson of Burlington, Ia., president of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement Association, has appointed a committee to go to Washington and endeavor to secure favorable action on the memorial to Congress adopted by the convention.

By a defect discovered in the Virginia marriage law, scores of women in that State find themselves wedded but not wives. The Legislature passed a bill providing that, on and after February 1, 1904, licenses shall be issued by the Clerk of Circuit and Corporation courts, but through an oversight, the bill was made effective from the date of its passage, December 12. An effort will be made to validate all ceremonies celebrated since that date.

Five persons are arrested in a Chicago skyscraper on a charge of performing work only allowed by law in a regular distillery.

A self-confessed murderer at Brooklyn, after hearing the verdict which dooms him to the electric chair, smiles at the juryman and wishes them a merry Christmas.

FOREIGN.

Turkish officials at Alexandretta have made full apologies to Consul Davis for the indignities recently offered him.
Japan's army and navy are ready to move at five minutes' notice, while the diplomats are urging Russia to make new proposals quickly.

General Jimenez has formed a revolutionary junta in Santo Domingo and now controls a large part of the island.
The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe arrive at the Roxburghe estates and are warmly welcomed by the tenants. The Duchess formerly was Miss May Goelet.

SPORTING.

Apollo-like fighters are scarce, says Jack Sullivan.
Former Governor Brown of Kentucky has been quite ill of late.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, Dec. 22—Arrived: Rotterdam, from Rotterdam.
Philadelphia, Dec. 22—The overdue American Line steamship Marion, from Liverpool for Philadelphia, passed into the Delaware Breakwater to-day.
New York, Dec. 22—Arrived: Rotterdam, from Rotterdam and Boulogne. Sailed: Armenian, Liverpool.
Naples, Dec. 22—Arrived: Plata, New York.
Genoa, Dec. 19—Arrived: Romanio, Boston, via St. Michaels.
Bremen, Dec. 22—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm II, via Plymouth, Cherbourg.
Manila, Dec. 20—Sailed: Indragama, Portland, Ore.
Portland, Dec. 22—Sailed: Stordy, New York.

MASSIVE IRON BOILER WAS FORCED THROUGH BRICK WALL IN GEYER AVENUE POWER-HOUSE EXPLOSION.



The section of the boiler shown here was torn from the part under it, thrown through the brick wall of the boiler-room and through the roof of the car shed. The force of the explosion threw it more than 200 feet.

NEGLECT MAY HAVE CAUSED EXPLOSION.

Believed Investigation Will Show That Water Ran Low in One of the Boilers.

DEATH LIST NUMBERS FIVE.

Transit Company Officials and Engineer at Power-House Say Unusual Strain Has Not Been Carried.

- REVISED LIST OF DEAD.
- William Wilson, No. 215 Adams street, 48 years old; steam fitter.
 - Louis Barber, negro, No. 444 Park avenue, 22 years old; fireman.
 - Jesse Thomas, negro, Jefferson avenue and Papin street, 23 years old; fireman.
 - Frank Steele, negro, No. 423 Kennerly avenue, 40 years old; fireman.
 - John Dixon, negro, No. 230 Papin street, 31 years old; fireman.

An investigation to determine the cause of the boiler explosion at the Transit Company's power-house, Geyer and Missouri avenues, will be held at the office of Boiler Inspector Joseph Branch in the City Hall to-day at 3 p. m. Mr. Branch refuses to express an opinion as to the cause of the explosion until he and the three deputies who are working on the case have finished the investigation.

It is believed that the investigation will show that incompetency or carelessness on the part of an employee allowed the water to run low in one of the boilers, and that when the cold water was suddenly pumped in the terrific steam force exerted was more than the boiler could stand.

The boilers were twelve years old, and when last inspected were in good condition. Mr. Branch says the age of the boilers would not make them dangerous.

Care could not be taken of a battery burst, and that any boiler should retain its usefulness for twenty years.
Officials of the Transit Company and engineers at the power-house say the boilers were not carrying an unusual strain, that any of the power produced was being used by the Suburban Railway, whose plant was not in operation at the time of the explosion.

The boiler that exploded comprised what is known as a battery, the steam they produced being fed into one large main. When one boiler of a battery bursts the others invariably follow.

These boilers were 18 feet long, had two 20-inch drums and 12 36-inch tubes. They were adjudged capable of withstanding a strain of 150 pounds per square inch.

A. CARL SLIGHTLY AFFRONTED.
The loss of power produced by this station affected the operation of the Transit Company cars very slightly. At each station a certain reserve force is kept at all times. The reserve at all stations was called into action as soon as possible after the accident, and though nearly all lines were run with less power than usual, schedules did not suffer to any great extent. Cars could not attain their usual speed, and the interior lights were hardly visible.

The principal call for extra current fell on the Central Station, at Park and Vandeventer avenues, although the two stations in the North End, the northern station at Broadway and Salisbury street and the Cass avenue station at Prairie avenue and North Market street, put more machinery in operation to supply the extra current required.

The substitution at No. 111 Locust, known as the "booster" station, is not yet in working condition. It is in emergency of this kind that the "booster" station is expected to be of most value. Its ordinary purpose will be to help out whatever line is in need of current.

CLEARING THE DEBRIS.
A large force of men was put to work clearing away the wreckage yesterday morning. It was not known at that time how many bodies might be buried in the ruins.

Shortly after daylight, the body of a negro fireman, Joseph Dixon, of No. 230 Papin street, was found. The body had been blown more than fifty feet, and death had probably resulted from the concussion of the explosion. The body was taken to the morgue.
Those in charge of the "booster" station believe that all the bodies have been taken from the ruins.

A. DuPont, second vice president of the Transit Company, said that he had been unable to decide as to the cause of the explosion. He said he was certain that the boilers were in good condition, and that they were not carrying more than their ordinary pressure.

CRACKSMEN WRECK THE VAULTS OF TWO BANKS IN ILLINOIS.

Rob Tower Hill Institution of Five Thousand Dollars and Escape in Stolen Buggy.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Tower Hill, Ill., Dec. 22—Burglars entered the Tower Hill Bank about 1 o'clock this morning and blew the vault and safe, making a complete wreck of them. The cracksmen took about \$5,000 in paper, gold and silver.

A horse and buggy, stolen about a mile west of town, furnished the burglars a means of escape with their booty. The robbers have been traced north near DeKalb by a cork placed longwise on one of the horse's shoes.

The bank was insured. It opened for business as usual this morning, the owners bringing money from Shelbyville to replace the amount taken.

Attorney General Hamlin is one of the stockholders.

Burglar Alarm Bells Frighten Thieves Away After They Uncover Money at Anchor.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 22—The gang of safe blowers that has been operating quite extensively in Central Illinois wrecked the bank at Anchor last night with a dynamite explosion.

Just as \$10,000 was exposed, the burglar alarm bells in the office commenced to ring and frightened away the men after they had secured but little plunder.

The men fled and no trace of them has been found.

It developed that the robbers previously cut all the wires leading out of Anchor to prevent communication to outside cities.

MASS OF ROCK BURIED WORKMEN.

Dan Donovan Killed and Dave Taylor Injured in a Landslide.

Dan Donovan was killed and Dave Taylor seriously injured in a landslide in a rock quarry yesterday at Vigus, St. Louis County, where they were working. The landslide is said to have been caused by the thawing of the earth during the recent warm days, making it so loose that the braces were not sufficient to sustain it.

There were about ten laborers working in the quarry at the time. When the earth began to crumble the alarm was given and there was a scramble for safety. All but Donovan and Taylor succeeded in getting out.

Those who escaped turned immediately when they discovered their comrades' predicament and used their spades and shovels vigorously to extricate them. It took nearly an hour to reach the place where the bodies were lying.

Taylor was the first to be rescued. He was unconscious, but was revived by a physician who had been called. His face and head were badly cut and there were contusions on the body. Donovan was dead.

Coroner Koch was notified and held an inquest, returning a verdict of accident. Donovan was about 60 years old and did not have any relatives as far as known. He lived at the quarry boarding-house. He was buried after the inquest.

SUBURBAN IN OPERATION.

Stopped Twenty-Eight Hours by Bursting Pipes.

The Suburban Railway Company resumed operations on its lines at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, after a suspension of twenty-eight hours.

The cessation of traffic on this line caused a large number of their patrons to go to the Page, Eason, Taylor and Delmar avenue lines of the Transit Company. These cars were already carrying many more than the ordinary numbers, the increase being principally Christmas shoppers, and the additions crowded all aisles and platforms of eastbound cars.

Early-morning passengers, trying to reach their work, were delayed from half an hour to two hours. The various tie-ups on the Transit Company's lines added to the difficulty, and many persons walked rather than wait for a car.

The suspension of Suburban service was caused by the bursting of a water-pipe Monday morning. The plant was shut down, and in twelve hours the break was repaired. The pipe burst again almost as soon as it had been repaired, and another halt was caused.

The officials of the company say that the bursting of the pipe was not a serious accident, and that they anticipate no further break in the service.

C. B. C. SENIORS ENTERTAIN.

Presentation of Scenes From "Richard III" Feature.

The senior class of the Christian Brothers' College gave their annual Christmas entertainment last evening in the college auditorium. Several of the Catholic clergy were present, among them the Reverend Father Tallon, pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, who, at the close of the programme, delivered an address on behalf of the Christian Brothers.

The feature of the entertainment was the presentation of several scenes from "Richard III." Culver W. Hasted played the part of Richard and Martin A. Downes that of the Earl of Richmond. Others who took part were: Michael W. Downes, Eugene W. Crispy, Robert E. Kyle, E. B. Hunsman, H. Clay Henning and Raymond E. Lawler.

CITY TO PAY BIG PRICE FOR FLOUR.

Standard Milling Company Gets Contract for Three Months at \$4.14 a Barrel.

Bids were received yesterday at the office of Supply Commissioner John P. Boyce for furnishing city institutions with flour and fodder for the coming quarter.

The flour will be furnished by the E. O. Standard Milling Company at \$4.14 a barrel. The price paid by the city during the last quarter was \$3.88. The flour used by the two institutions where the city bakeries are located, the Poorhouse and the House of Refuge, amounts to from 300 to 400 barrels a month. In the last quarter 1,300 barrels were used.

The rise in the price of flour is more than compensated by the drop shown in the figures submitted for forage as hay, of which the city uses more than 200 tons. It is quoted at from \$4 to \$5 a ton. Grain also has decreased in price. The contract for the greater part of the forage will be given to the Great Western Feed Company.

The bids included the amounts necessary to supply the Fire Department, the Poorhouse and all the city institutions. The engine-houses will use 300 tons of hay, 35,000 pounds of wheat bran and 3,000 bushels of oats. The oats contracted for will be No. 2 white, of which the city uses 4,500 bushels a quarter.

Most of the corn contracted for will go to the Poorhouse, which uses \$5,000 worth of corn each quarter. The prices on grain of all kinds were lower than those for the quarter ending December 31 by from 6 to 11 cents, and were approximately 3 per cent higher than the market for the day.

FAVORS DAVID R. FRANCIS.

Chicago Business Man Discusses Prospective Presidential Timbre.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, O., Dec. 22—"There is a great deal of talk in the Middle West among Democrats and others that Governor David Rowland Francis will be the presidential Democratic standard bearer in 1904," said C. F. Newcomb, a business man of Chicago, to-day.

"He is one of the most popular men in the country. Governor Francis stands high in the estimation of the business people of the land, irrespective of party affiliations."

"At the head of an immense grain business for years, he came in close touch with the hustlers of the industrial world."

"Mayor of St. Louis for four years, his administration was singularly successful and one that is pointed to with pride by the citizens of that city. It was a model administration from a business standpoint, and will ever remain as a shining light in that regard."

As Governor of Missouri for four years he made a brilliant record, and that State never advanced so rapidly in a commercial way as when he occupied the executive chair of that State. Mr. Francis is a national reputation. He is now president of one of the largest banks in the West and is identified with every important move in his city and State.

Made President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, he was chiefly instrumental in getting Congress to appropriate \$500,000 for the World's Fair.

"I verily believe that he could be elected over any man in the country, with the possible exception of President Roosevelt. Keep your eye on David Rowland Francis of Missouri."

Reading by Librarian Cranden.
Public Librarian F. M. Cranden gave a reading last night before the pupils of the night school of the Jewish Alliance, Ninth and Carr streets. Selections from the works of Mark Twain and John Kendrick Bunsen interested the young students. Mr. Cranden, for the last two years, has been lecturing at the school one evening each month.

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GENERAL BELL A VISITOR: MAY COMMAND IN PANAMA.

Young Brigadier, President of War College at Fort Leavenworth, Returns From Washington, D. C.

Brigadier General Frank Bell, who is president of the War College at Fort Leavenworth, was in St. Louis yesterday on his way to Fort Leavenworth from Washington, D. C.

General Bell served with distinction as a Major in the regular army in the Philippines, and it was in recognition of his services in the fortifying of Manila that he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier, over forty-five officers of the line. He is perhaps the youngest Brigadier General in the United States Army.

General Bell is about 48 years old and is a native of Kentucky. He has an excellent standing with the War Department, due, it is said, to the fact that he has always managed to keep a still tongue.

He has been in charge of the War College at Fort Leavenworth since last September, and it is believed that he will be placed in charge of the United States troops in Panama should the situation in that country become critical.

General Bell departed for Fort Leavenworth last night.

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MAY NOT GET A NEW TRIAL.

Defense Did Not Challenge Information in Collins Case.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 22—It is considered likely that the Union bank robber, Collins, who was found guilty of the murder of Detective Schumacher and sentenced to be hanged, will not get a new trial in the case. The defense did not raise the point at the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Bonner case. Collins' appeal was taken to the Supreme Court, and is being briefed by Assistant Attorney General Sam B. Jeffries.

Collins was prosecuted on an information, unverified, and it was thought the Bonner opinion would be fatal to the case. In examining the transcript to-day, however, Mr. Jeffries became of the opinion that the Bonner decision would not affect the Collins case, because counsel for the defense did not raise the point at the time of the trial, and by failing to file a demurrer to the information, the defense waived its rights in this respect.

The case therefore will not be sent back for retrial in the Circuit Court, but will be set down for argument in the Supreme Court and docketed in the spring for hearing before that body.

NEGRO THREATENS WHITE GIRL.

Annie Duffy Says Bogan Held Pistol at Her Head.

George Bogan, a negro, 12 years old, residing at No. 314 South Main street, after threatening to kill Annie Duffy, a white girl, 12 years old, yesterday morning stood off excited residents for more than a half hour with a revolver, until placed under arrest by Patrolmen Behn and Steffen.

A warrant charging Bogan with carrying concealed weapons was issued, and he will be sent to the Juvenile Court.

According to the police, Bogan's sister and Annie Duffy quarreled.

Bogan then came to the street, and drawing a revolver, threatened to kill her, she claims. He then took a knife from his pocket, and giving it to his sister, told her to cut the Duffy girl, threatening to kill her if she moved while his sister was cutting her.

Bogan's sister, it is said, slashed at the Duffy girl several times, cutting her dress. When neighbors came to the rescue the negro told them that if they touched him he would shoot.

VERDICT IN THREE MINUTES.

Harry Caton to Serve Five Years for Highway Robbery.

Exactly three minutes were required by a jury in reaching a verdict of guilty after the trial of Harry Caton, alias Jefferson, on a charge of highway robbery. In Judge McDonald's court yesterday evening.

There was no deliberation, and the space that elapsed between the juryman's departure from the courtroom and their return was consumed in affixing their signature to the verdict.

Five years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary was the penalty imposed on Caton by the verdict, and he was plainly astonished at the exhibition of summary justice.

Caton was convicted of robbing Lyman R. Faveran of No. 408 Forest Park boulevard, within a few paces of his home, early on the night of August 14. Caton was indicted with Frank Bebee, said to have been implicated in the same hold-up, but a severance was granted. Bebee has not yet been tried. Five other charges of highway robbery are pending against Caton.

Have you seen the Katy Girl?

EXPRESS PACKAGE STOLEN.

Blank Paper Substituted for Thousand Dollar Bill.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 22—The mysterious theft of an express package containing \$1,000 developed here to-day.

It was consigned by the People's Bank of Bloomington to the bank at Elliott. All efforts to locate the money have been unsuccessful.

While en route the money was extracted and blank paper substituted.

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Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods.

Receiving stolen property is charged in a warrant issued against Morris Wiseman of No. 1318 North Ninth street, yesterday afternoon. Wiseman was arrested at the Four Courts, where he had come to see Sam Alinta, recently arrested on a similar charge. The police alleged that Wiseman received from three negroes five sacks of oats which were stolen from the William A. Miller Feed Company, No. 1117 North Broadway, December 14.

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- 67 Double Marten Scarfs, very handsome, squirrel lined, cord and tassels, value \$25.00—Our Price.....\$10.00
- 600 Very Choice Near Seal Scarfs for Misses, value \$3.00—Our Price.....\$1.25
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STRUGGLES IN VAIN WITH MASKED BURGLAR.

Joseph Petersen Is Thrown Off by Strong Intruder, Who Drops Some Booty in Flight.

Joseph Petersen of No. 1323 Blackstone avenue tussled with a burglar, who was interrupted in the midst of his operations at 3:15 yesterday morning, but the latter abandoned some of his booty and escaped.

Two small bracelets, one gold, the other silver, were the only spoils secured by the burglar. The value of the trinkets is estimated at \$5.

Mr. Petersen was awakened by the noise which the burglar made in opening drawers in the dresser. Despite the mask, dark lantern and other appliances of the real burglar, Mr. Petersen was unafraid, and leaped upon the intruder.

The man was small and strong, and fear of capture made him stronger. He threw Mr. Petersen off and dashed through the kitchen door, which he had left open after entering the house.

In the yard, after the burglar's escape, were found two coats which he had dropped in his flight. The burglar is supposed to have used a skeleton key in opening the door of Mr. Petersen's home.

FIREMEN PROTECT SHOPPERS.

Chief Swingley Details Ten Men in Downtown Stores.

Charles E. Swingley, Chief of the Fire Department, has detailed ten men for duty in the large downtown department stores during the holiday-shopping rush.

The firemen will keep a strict watch in all of the principal stores, to see that danger of fire is not allowed to exist in any form.

This is a source of protection to the owners of the stores and the insurance companies, and also to the patrons of the stores. The trained eye of a fireman can detect danger where another would not.

Should a fire occur he would be on hand, and his prompt action would probably put out the fire by himself before it got underway.

Men will be kept on duty during the busy hours until after the holidays.

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